

Mr. Welzie M. Bear, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the Plaintiffs, being duly sworn and examined viva voce, deposes and says as follows:

My name is Welzie M. Bear, my age is 54 years and I reside at 949 Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore, Maryland. I know all the parties to this suit. I knew Hannah M. Bear of Frederick County, Maryland, mentioned in this cause; she was my mother; she is dead; she died April 18, 1915. I look at "Exhibits 1 and 2" filed with the Bill and they are certified copies of deeds of conveyance for lands of which she died seized and possessed. <sup>less 1 acre 16 ft. sold by her son, father, daughter</sup> I also look at "Exhibit H.M.B." and it is a certified copy of the last will and testament of the said Hannah M. Bear. At the time of my mother's death she left surviving her a husband, Christian Bear, who was my father, and who died in Frederick county, Maryland, on the 10th day of June, 1924.

That at the death of my mother she left the following heirs: myself; a son, and my wife's name is Chorazine B. Bear; a son Charles C. Bear, whose wife's name is Louisa C. Bear; a son Harvey A. Bear, whose wife's name is Julia Bear; Ernest T. Bear, a son, whose wife's name is Mina B. Bear, all of whom are adults and who are Plaintiffs in this cause and all of whom reside in the State of Maryland and in Baltimore City, with the exception of Ernest T. Bear and his wife, who are residents of Frederick County, Maryland; and a son Jesse D. Bear.

That on the 20th day of May, 1917, the said Jesse D. Bear, my brother, departed this life, leaving a widow Della May Bear, who has since married a man by the name of Johnson, and two children, namely: Hannah Flora Bear, aged about 8 years, and Jessie May Bear, now nearly 7 years old, both infant children living with their mother at 1722 Belt Street, Baltimore, Maryland, and both Defendants in these proceedings.